

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate agreed to the conference report on Department of Defense Appropriations.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S12565–S12654

Measures Introduced: Ten bills and two resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 1725–1734, S. Res. 203, and S. Con. Res. 59. Pages S12633–34

Measures Reported: Reports were made as follows:

S. 710, to authorize the feasibility study on the preservation of certain Civil War battlefields along the Vicksburg Campaign Trail, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–184)

S. 905, to establish the Lackawanna Valley American Heritage Area, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–185)

S. 1117, to establish the Corinth Unit of Shiloh National Military Park, in the vicinity of the city of Corinth, Mississippi, and in the State of Tennessee, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–186)

S. 1324, to expand the boundaries of the Gettysburg National Military Park to include Wills House. (S. Rept. No. 106–187)

H.R. 2454, to assure the long-term conservation of mid-continent light geese and the biological diversity of the ecosystem upon which many North American migratory birds depend, by directing the Secretary of the Interior to implement rules to reduce the overabundant population of mid-continent light geese, with amendments. (S. Rept. No. 106–188)

S. 835, to encourage the restoration of estuary habitat through more efficient project financing and enhanced coordination of Federal and non-Federal restoration programs, with an amendment. (S. Rept. No. 106–189)

S. 1730, to amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to provide that certain environmental reports shall continue to be required to be submitted. (S. Rept. No. 106–190)

S. 1731, to amend the Clean Air Act to provide that certain environmental reports shall continue to be required to be submitted. (S. Rept. No. 106–191)

S. 225, to provide housing assistance to Native Hawaiians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 106–192) Page S12633

Measures Passed:

Pennsylvania Battlefields Authorization: Committee on Energy and Natural Resources was discharged from further consideration of H.R. 659, to authorize appropriations for the protection of Paoli and Brandywine Battlefields in Pennsylvania, to authorize the Valley Forge Museum of the American Revolution at Valley Forge National Historical Park, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Santorum (for Murkowski) Amendment No. 2295, in the nature of a substitute. Pages S12649–50

Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site Act: Senate passed S. 548, to establish the Fallen Timbers Battlefield and Fort Miamis National Historical Site in the State of Ohio, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute, and the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Santorum (for DeWine) Amendment No. 2296, to provide that the Metropolitan Park District of the Toledo Area shall act as the management entity.

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Hawaii Volcanoes National Park Adjustment Act: Senate passed S. 938, to eliminate restrictions on the acquisition of certain land contiguous to Hawaii Volcanoes National Park, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto: Page S12652

Santorum (for Akaka) Amendment No. 2297, to provide for certain corrections in designations of Hawaiian National Parks. Page S12652

Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park: Senate passed S. 762, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a special resource study to determine the national significance of the Miami Circle site in the State of Florida as well as the suitability and feasibility of its inclusion in the National Park System as part of the Biscayne National Park, after agreeing to the committee amendment in the nature of a substitute. **Pages S12652–53**

Senate Employee Representation: Senate agreed to S. Res. 203, to authorize document production, testimony, and representation of Senate employees, in a matter before the Grand Jury in the Western District of Pennsylvania. **Page S12653**

Federal Motor Carrier Functions: Senate passed H.R. 3036, to provide for interim continuation of administration of motor carrier functions by the Federal Highway Administration, clearing the measure for the President. **Page S12653**

Quality Care for the Uninsured Act: Senate passed H.R. 2990, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow individuals greater access to health insurance through a health care tax deduction, a long-term care deduction, and other health-related tax incentives, to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 to provide access to and choice in health care through association health plans, to amend the Public Health Service Act to create new pooling opportunities for small employers to obtain greater access to health coverage through HealthMarts, after striking all after the enacting clause and inserting in lieu thereof the text of S. 1344, Senate companion measure, as passed by the Senate on July 15, 1999. Senate insisted on its amendment and requested a conference with the House thereon. **Page S12654**

Campaign Finance Reform: Senate continued consideration of S. 1593, to amend the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1971 to provide bipartisan campaign reform, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S12575–S12620**

Adopted:

McConnell Amendment No. 2293, to require Senators to report credible information of corruption to the Select Committee on Ethics and amend title 18, United States Code, to provide for mandatory minimum bribery penalties for public officials. **Pages S12584–94**

By 77 yeas to 20 nays (Vote No. 327), McCain Amendment No. 2294, to provide disclosure requirements for certain money expenditures of political parties and to promote expedited availability of Federal Election Campaign reports. **Pages S12607–20**

Senate will continue consideration of the bill on Friday, October 15, 1999.

Department of Defense—Conference Report: By 87 yeas to 11 nays (Vote No. 326), Senate agreed to the conference report on H.R. 2561, making appropriations for the Department of Defense for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000, clearing the measure for the President. **Pages S12565–75, S12610**

VA–HUD Appropriations—Conference Report: Senate began consideration of H.R. 2684, making appropriations for the Departments of Veterans Affairs and Housing and Urban Development, and for sundry independent agencies, boards, commissions, corporations, and offices for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2000. **Pages S12620–25**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the conference report on Friday, October 15, 1999, with a vote to occur thereon at 9:15 a.m. **Page S12654**

Nominations Received: Senate received the following nominations:

Charles L. Kolbe, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board for a term of three years. **Page S12654**

Messages From the House: **Page S12632**

Measures Referred: **Page S12632**

Enrolled Bills Presented: **Page S12632**

Measures Placed on Calendar: **Page S12632**

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Additional Cosponsors: **Pages S12645–46**

Amendments Submitted: **Pages S12647–48**

Authority for Committees: **Pages S12648–49**

Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—327) **Pages S12610, S12620**

Adjournment: Senate convened at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 7:43 p.m., until 9:15 a.m., on Friday, October 15, 1999. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S12654.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

FARM RISK MANAGEMENT/CROP INSURANCE

Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry: Committee concluded hearings on S. 1666, to provide risk education assistance to agricultural producers, S. 1108, to amend the Federal Crop Insurance Act to improve crop insurance coverage and administration,